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# COLUMNS

THE LINDLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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## Luminaries Light the Neighborhood

On Saturday, December 1st, about thirty adults and children gathered at the Rec Center to fellowship and assemble the luminaries to be placed around the park. We put out, what seemed to be, a record number of bags extending up Sherwood, Springwood, Beechwood and even over the Wendover Bridge on Walker Ave. Each year LPNA's efforts coincide with the Girl Scouts placing luminaries in the Arboretum.

This has become a holiday tradition that many look forward to and is an excellent way to meet others and get involved with others living around you. Many familiar faces, as well as some new, participated this year in the folding of bags, filling them with sand, placing candles, loading vehicles, placing the bags and finally lighting up the night.

Special thanks also to Tim Brown, Bill Eckard and Larry Barnes for picking up all the luminaries early Sunday morning.

# We Want You!

Thought the elections were finally over? Sorry, not yet! We're electing new Lindley Park Neighborhood Association officers at our general meeting on January 29, 2013. We have a full slate to fill: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. And what exactly do these folks do? Basically, the Chairperson presides over all meetings, eleven annually, and the Vice Chair fills in if the Chairperson is absent. The Secretary records the minutes of our meetings, and the Treasurer maintains our bank account. We also will have some openings of committee chairs and district reps. Look on page 2 of the newsletter for a complete list. Regardless of the position, if you care about the future of Lindley Park and want to keep it a great neighborhood, and you have a willingness to get involved, I strongly urge you to consider joining the executive committee. I promise you will 1) meet some great folks, 2) learn a lot about your neighborhood, 3) make a difference, and 4) have fun! Call Lauren at 855-7657 or email [smellyfour@yahoo.com](mailto:smellyfour@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Columns Repair Update

In November, we submitted two grants to the City of Greensboro that totaled a little over \$22,000.00. These were for repairs of three columns at Spring Garden/South Lindell/Willowbrook. Many, many thanks to the entire Columns Repair Committee. A most special thanks to Elizabeth Link, who spent uncounted hours writing and revising the grants, and getting input from City Staff. We should know in early 2013 if the grants were approved or not, so keep your fingers crossed in the meantime. Also, we still are collecting funds to be used for the columns. Even if both grants are approved, there are several smaller repairs that need to be made, primarily to the mortar and the concrete benches. Please make checks payable to LPNA, noted for columns repairs, and mail to Shawn McGovern, 418 Scott Avenue.



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## From the Chair

by Lauren Smith

Well, this is my last From the Chair Column as my term ends in January. Hard to believe two years has passed so quickly. I'm one of those folks who lived in Lindley Park for many years but never got involved with the neighborhood association until a few years ago. What a rewarding experience! I've met so many great and interesting neighbors, and while there's been some work along the way, there's been a lot of fun too. (If you don't make to the Chili Cookoff next year, then you are missing out on a seriously good time!) And the things that drew me and my husband to Lindley Park nearly twenty years ago still hold true: a safe neighborhood with good schools for our kids, homes that have character and affordability, and wonderful amenities within a short walk or drive. So I ask you all to do your part to keep Lindley Park such a great neighborhood: support our school and businesses, and join our neighborhood association. You will not regret it! Hope to see you all at our Neighborhood General Meeting on January 29.

## Lindley Park Email List

Do we have your email address? If not, we need it! You'll receive timely neighborhood reminders, announcements, and the "Columns" newsletter in living color! And don't worry, we only use the email list for neighborhood news. It is not distributed to any other groups. Email us at [lpnagso@gmail.com](mailto:lpnagso@gmail.com) to be included.

## FYI

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#### LP ITEMS FOR SALE

- Lindley Park T-Shirts (\$15)
- History of LP books (\$12)
- Bumper Stickers (\$3)

All items are sold at Bestway, with the t shirt proudly displayed at the front of the store!

## Please Support the LPNA

Listed on page 12 of the Columns are members of the LPNA that made a financial contribution to our Association.


Your contributions help sponsor our wonderful neighborhood events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fling, Fall Fest and Holiday Luminaries. For only \$15 a year, you can help make our neighborhood association the best it can be! Please fill in the contribution form on the last page of this newsletter.

The Columns cost around \$585.00 per issue to print 1250 copies. We need to support those that advertise. A huge thank you goes to the folks that deliver the newsletter to every door (see that list of folks on page 11!). It is the neighborly involvement that makes Lindley Park so great.

## Need an extra copy?

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According to Wikipedia: Neighborhoods are the spatial units in which face-to-face social interactions occur – the personal settings and situations where residents seek to realize common values, socialize, and maintain effective communication.

In other words, even in cases where there are no official boundaries, the residents of a particular area really “make” the neighborhood. Lindley Park neighborhood officially originated circa 1917, and according to the GSO website: The traditions of Lindley Park and the concerns of its diverse residential population are supported and blended through an active, open neighborhood association.

So, how does this pertain to you? I mean, besides living here, what else do you need to do to make LP a wonderful place to be? Well, the Neighborhood Association really wants your input! We'd like to get you involved in the “active & open” functions of the backbone of the neighborhood.

LPNA will be holding the next General Meeting January 29, 2013 at 7:00pm. We have several open positions for committee chairs and board members. YOU could fill one of those positions!

YOU can really be a part of “making” Lindley Park one of the best neighborhoods in all of Greensboro! YOU can get in on the excitement of being involved in your local community!

Come to the meeting – voice your desire to become involved – nominate yourself, nominate a neighbor, or have a neighbor nominate you! It's fun, it's free, it's fulfilling – and did I mention it's fun? Make it YOUR Lindley Park Neighborhood Association!



## Carolina Yards Workshop DIY Landscape Design

Kathleen Clay Edwards Library  
1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro  
Friday, February 22, 2013  
9 am – 4:00 pm

Karen Neill, Urban Horticultural agent, will teach how to design, install and maintain a Carolina Yard – a yard that works with North Carolina's environment rather than against it so that we can help conserve and protect our natural resource – water. This workshop is great for realtors, homeowners, and business owners who are seeking a more environmentally friendly landscape plan. Teaching points will be: Design Principles, Proper Site Selection, Plant Selection, Soils and Bed Preparation and Pest Control

**Cost:**

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| DECEMBER 26-<br>JANUARY 26            | Last round of loose leaf pickup. Rake leaves to curb, not in the street. |
| JANUARY 29, 7pm<br>Lindley Rec Center | LPNA General Meeting   |
| MARCH 23                              | Easter Egg Hunt  |



## LP Holiday Market

Lindley Elementary hosted its first annual Holiday Market Dec. 1st, featuring local artists (many right from Lindley Park!) With holiday music playing, free glogg, homemade lussekatter, and a beautiful sunny day, the festive outdoor market was a huge success. We were especially proud of our Lindley students that made and sold their own products!! Thank you to all of our vendors that participated and helped to support Lindley Elementary, and to all our patrons that shopped and supported our local artisans! We hope to make this a continuing tradition at the holidays. Look for more Farmers Market's in the spring and summer!

## The Easter Bunny? Already?

We still have visions of snowmen to build this winter, but guess what? Easter arrives unusually early in 2013. There may be snow on the ground, but the Lindley Park Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday March 23 and we need a committee of egg stuffers and hiders to begin the planning. Email [lpnagso@gmail.com](mailto:lpnagso@gmail.com) if you're willing to lend a hand.

## Save the Columns Contributors

Thanks for your generous support!

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## Ideas for the Newsletter

We would love to have you participate in the Columns by submitting articles you feel would be interesting or beneficial to the neighborhood. We would love to have submissions from your kids also (artwork, writing, photos, etc.). Do you have a neighbor with an interesting story to tell? Do you have neighbors that are new to the area? Write us about it. We are always interested in any history of the neighborhood that you may know about or have a connection to. What makes this neighborhood great is the strong sense of community and the diversity of our residents. The Columns serves as glue to connect us to one another. It is one of the reasons we are the envy of other in-town neighborhoods!

Please send all submissions to [roobait@msn.com](mailto:roobait@msn.com). Keep in mind that the newsletter is published about every other month with deadlines on (or about) the 1st of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec.

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# Mock Judson Mill History

by Elizabeth Link

The former Mock Judson Voehringer Mill sits on the southern edge of Lindley Park, occupying the block bounded by Oakland Ave., Howard St., Lindell Rd., and Hiatt St. When I first came to Greensboro, I knew it as the Rolane Factory Outlet, and I shopped there regularly for bargains on clothes, socks and hosiery. But the Rolane Outlet was just the latest identity for the building, which has stood on the site for almost 90 years, and whose history is intertwined with the Lindley Park neighborhood. The following historical information is taken from a recent National Historic Register filing:

The city of Greensboro was a thriving place for textile operations in the early 20th century, due to the establishment of weaving mills here by the Cone family. Bernard Mock, Nathaniel Judson and John K. Voehringer, were northern industrialists who had had success with textiles in the north. They decided that Greensboro would be a good place for expansion, and opened the mill as a knitting operation. They built the original mill building on Howard Street. It was a 10,000 square foot concrete building which employed fourteen employees at first. The mill was expanded in 1928 and was producing over four million pairs of silk hosiery annually by 1929, when employment had increased to 600 workers (Greensboro Daily News 1-30-1930). The mill was expanded again in 1930, 1936, and 1938, until the complex was complete at around 140,000 square feet.

Notably, the Mock Judson Voehringer (MJV) plant was built without the mill-owned worker housing erected in conjunction with many large-scale mills in North Carolina prior to the 1930s. Greensboro city directories indicate that the MJV Company workers were concentrated in the nearby Lindley Park and Highland Park subdivisions, suggesting that the company allowed the booming Greensboro housing market to provide for their employees. However, the ownership of the MJV plant did provide other services related to the health and comfort of their workforce such as a cafeteria (thought to be located within the 1930s addition), an on-site nurse, and recreational sports leagues. The company sponsored a semi-professional baseball team, the Mojud Nighthawks, with a baseball field on the company grounds.

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# Minutes from LPNA General Meeting, September 25, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:03.

May 29, 2012 meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance -- \$3718.32, Ending Balance -- 3237.87.

Guest speakers from Highland Park Neighborhood, Ms. Julie Schindler reported on a rezoning threat in their neighborhood. It is a small, walkable neighborhood with a history of welcoming businesses and supports local businesses. Five years ago negotiated and supported a "commercial with restrictions" rezoning for the lot in question. The restrictions included "no car dealerships". 1-2 weeks ago a new person was looking to rezone without restrictions. They met with him. He gave misleading information and answered no questions. Their concerns include traffic and collision exposers.

The Zoning meeting is set for Monday October 8 @ 5:30 pm. They asked LPNA to come out and support them. Bill Eckard made a motion for LPNA to fight the rezoning. Lauren Smith seconded the motion and it passed with no one opposing.

Special Guest, Greensboro Police Chief Ken Miller, reported that the department has a new mission statement: "Partnering to fight crime for a safer Greensboro." He noted that the department is judged by crime statistics, but he thinks it should be judged by quality of life. Eighty percent of the police department's work load is not crime related; it is traffic direction, dignitary protection, and special event work. Chief Miller envisions GPD being a national model through excellence in problem solving and effective community partnership. The department is engaging in formal training in problem solving. Investments need to be made to improve technology, e.g., acquiring and implementing predictive crime map software that shows crime patterns to patrolling officers. He also highlighted other departmental changes under his leadership.

Chief Miller also noted some software design and training errors have led to erroneously high crime statistics for the city. However, burglaries in the city and Lindley Park are down this year. The GPD is aware that crime type and location both follow a cyclical calendar pattern. By considering crime data from previous years, the department and individual neighbors can devote extra resources and vigilance to prevent crime from happening again.

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# City Restructures PCD, Renews Focus on Housing

In a strategic effort to enhance its approach to housing compliance and code enforcement, the City of Greensboro is restructuring its Planning and Community Development Department (PCD). Among the moves is the formation of the Neighborhood Services Division, which renews the City's focus on addressing neighborhood and housing issues.

According to City Manager Denise Turner Roth, this is the first in a series of steps designed to address the department's structure, resources and internal processes as it overcomes challenges raised in recent months. "Ensuring the safety and quality of the residential housing in Greensboro is a top priority for the

City and the Planning and Community Development Department," says Roth. "We are working diligently to address the concerns we have with our minimum housing and code enforcement. After reviewing the structure and operation of the department, I'm confident these moves place the right people and resources in a position to succeed."

Roth says that under the continued direction of PCD Director Sue Schwartz, a new deputy director position and new Neighborhood Services Division will bolster the leadership and oversight of the City's compliance processes. The Neighborhood Services Division is managed by Barbara Harris, who moves over from her position as the department's development division manager. Harris oversees the two primary functions of the division, formed out of existing departmental services, which include housing rehabilitation along with compliance and minimum housing code. The City will conduct a competitive search for a deputy director.

For more information, call Donnie Turlington at 336-373-3769.

## General Meeting, cont. from page 7

New Business:

LPNA needs new officers for the new year.

Committee Reports:

Zoning – 606 Granite is up for rezoning for Planned Unit Development.

Newsletter – Deadline in 2wks.

Old Business:

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## Mill History, continued from page 6

The plant seems to have thrived even through the Great Depression. According to a 1937 edition of the *Mojud Singer*, a monthly company publication, the company employed more than 600 people in 1930, after completion of the second addition, and 1,350 workers in 1937. By 1944 the MJV Company was the largest manufacturer in the category of "knitting mill" in Guilford County. Only the Cone-family owned cotton-textile mills were larger.

By the late 1930s "Mojud," the industry name for the sheer ladies stockings produced by the MJV Company, followed the industry trend and transitioned from silk to nylon garments, resulting in a tear resistant product. The company partnered with DuPont in developing this fabric, and was innovative in adopting new technology and developing the "full-fashioned" stocking with an improved fit. In 1940 the mill dedicated 10% of its production to nylon hosiery, but the nylon and silk production quickly came to a halt when the United States entered World War II and all available silk and nylon was redirected to the production of parachutes. During the war the MJV plant switched to rayon hosiery, which was less desirable because it produced a coarser finish.

After the war ended, MJV focused on the production of nylon hosiery and diversified its operations by entering the field of rayon and nylon lingerie and pajamas. In 1944 the company changed its name to the Mojud Hosiery Company. By 1948 Mojud's Greensboro plant employed between 500-1000 employees, making it the second largest knitting mill in the state behind the Hanes Hosiery Mill in Winston-Salem (1948 Directory). In the 1950s Mojud employed more than 2,000 employees at the Greensboro facility.

Thanks to a nationwide advertising campaign that included famous spokeswomen such as Rita Hayworth, Ginger Rogers and Virginia Mayo, and the creation of a fictional cupid-like character, the Mojud Man, the company enjoyed widespread brand-recognition. In an attempt to capitalize on the successes of the Mojud Mill in Greensboro, Kayser-Roth, a Burlington hosiery maker, bought the Mojud Hosiery Company in the mid-1950s. Kayser-Roth produced Rolane stockings and other brands at the mill until 1972. The building was mostly empty after that, except for a section kept open as the Rolane Factory Outlet Store, which closed in 1999. The mill has been vacant since that time.

However, it appears that the building may be ready to take on yet another identity. A few years ago the property was re-zoned to allow for residential development on the site. Currently a developer is looking at the possibility of renovating the existing building to restore it to its' original 1920's look on the outside, and to put in apartments or condominiums on the inside. It would be great to have this dormant property brought back to life to become an active presence in the neighborhood again.

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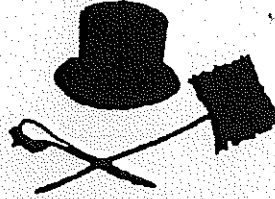
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# A Time to Give Thanks

by Patti Eckard

As the year draws to an end, and the last Lindley Park newsletter for the year goes to press, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those who make the newsletter possible. – The advertisers and the deliverers. For more than 14 years, the Lindley Park Columns has played an instrumental part in the communication of important information about social activities and zoning issues that impact the neighborhood. Some residents have indicated that the Columns is the glue that holds the neighborhood together. Before the internet, web pages and FACEBOOK, the only other ways to effectively communicate with Lindley Park Residents was by a phone call, in person – or the newsletter. Printing a 12 page newsletter does not come cheap. Each issue costs approximately \$550 to print 1,200 copies.

To pay for the newsletter, a decision was made to seek out advertising. Many of the advertisers you see in the Columns have been advertising for those 14 years. Most are locally owned small businesses like Gene's Barber, Spring Garden Bakery, Pepper Moon Catering, and Tate St. Coffee. Lindley Park Baptist Church and First Moravian Church have also been advertisers. New businesses locating in the neighborhood like Woodworks – a wood flooring company and Emma Keys – a new restaurant down on the corner have used the Columns to introduce their business or service to the neighborhood. To all of the advertisers, present and past – I would like to say thank you. We hope you will continue to support the neighborhood via the Columns.

Other "unsung heroes" are the folks who deliver the Columns on a regular basis. Through the years, we've used the Columns to announce a potential zoning changes, social events like the Spring Fling and the fall Chili Cook-off, and most recently the repair needs of the stone columns at entry points into the neighborhood. Many times these heroes received the newsletter on a Friday and were asked to get their copies out over that weekend due to time sensitive info. To the folks listed below – and to former newsletter deliverers – we say thank you – and Happy Holidays!

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